

INST 6380 Posting Etiquette to the Forum (Threaded Discussion)

Regarding matters of net etiquette, Class members are advised to remember the following:

1. Send personal replies/notes to individual subscribers, not to the Forum. What is "personal" may be difficult to judge because some "personal" replies have public value in discussions of issues.
2. If you are unsure of how to post to the Forum or include attachments, please contact George or Misty for assistance.
3. Avoid postings of the "me, too!" variety. You may want to include additional comments to an original posting which would further benefit the class.
4. Avoid repeated postings of the same message over a short period of time.
5. Avoid "flame throwing," that is, insults directed at list subscribers. Even when debating issues, please be professional and restrain yourself from being too emotional.
6. Responses to postings should include some information about the issues to which you are responding. You may duplicate important portions of the original posting to which you are responding. However, try not to duplicate the entire original posting, especially if it is more than 10 lines long.
7. When you ask a class member for information about a topic, please ask them to respond to you personally. You can always post a summary of what you have gathered to Forum later.
8. The Forum can distribute announcements of conferences and professional positions. However, it should not distribute other advertising unless it has educational implications and is related to distance education. At times, product ordering information or descriptions are embedded in legitimate postings. Please eliminate postings or responses to postings that are designed merely to add free advertising to the Forum